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## Taiwan

### Grain and Feed

### Rice Production Update

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**Typhoons during the fall growing season caused significant destruction in southern Taiwan rice growing areas. Forecast 2001 rice production is reduced 9 percent to 1.236 mmt.**

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Includes PSD changes: Yes  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
Unscheduled Report  
Taipei [TW1], TW

## Rice Production Update

PSD Table						
Country	Taiwan					
Commodity	Rice, Milled				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/1999		01/2000		01/2001
Area Harvested	364	353	340	340	365	330
Beginning Stocks	198	919	175	651	100	479
Milled Production	1400	1349	1342	1342	1385	1236
Rough Production	1986	1916	1906	1906	1965	1737
MILLING RATE (.9999)	7050	7040	7040	7040	7050	7115
TOTAL Imports	5	4	3	6	4	4
Jan-Dec Imports	3	4	3	6	4	4
Jan-Dec Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	1603	2272	1520	1999	1489	1719
TOTAL Exports	113	113	120	120	90	88
Jan-Dec Exports	120	113	90	120	90	88
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1315	1508	1300	1400	1315	1350
Ending Stocks	175	651	100	479	84	281
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1603	2272	1520	1999	1489	1719

*Revised 2001 Forecast*-The current rice production estimate for 2001 is 1,236,000 mt (milled basis) from 330,000 hectares of land, down 119,000 mt or 9 percent from the previous estimate reported in TW1017. During the production of the fall crop, rice farms in southern Taiwan were hit by severe typhoons. Significant typhoon damages resulted in reduced area harvested.

*Preliminary 2002 Forecast*-Upon Taiwan's WTO accession on January 1, 2002, Taiwan must allow minimum market access (MMA) of 144,720 mt on a brown rice basis (equivalent to 127,353 mt on a milled rice basis). Domestic rice is not price competitive on the world market, based on production costs which vary between \$550/mt and \$820/mt (milled basis) depending on crop season and location. Taiwan has committed to stop placing surplus rice onto the world market at discounted prices after WTO entry. Taiwan plans to cut its rice production in an attempt to balance increased supply from MMA imports. Post forecast 2002 rice production and area at 1,232,000 mt and 310,000 hectares, respectively.